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"I Saw And Photographed A Flying Saucer"

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Part Two

When I saw what the film contained I felt heartsick--one frame was of a dancing light and the other just two spots on the film, but I made a few prints anyway after washing the film. They did not look as bad as I first thought, so I went back to the tower, arriving before Leyden and Conger went home. When they saw the prints they were surprised they had turned out as well. Detective Blascak asked what the pictures were about. The boys never mentioned them because they did not expect them to come out. We told him then, and when he saw them, he immediately phoned Inspector Foley, who was interested, and said he would come over as soon as he could.

Shortly afterwards, I left for home again to get some sleep, asking Leyden to warn me by phone if the Air Force came and "requested" the negatives, so I could make a dozen or so prints before they took them over. Detective Blascak called them and they sent a man out immediately to pick up the prints. I had been in bed only a short time when Jimmy called, and told me to work fast if I wanted those extra prints before the Air Force arrived. I made ten copies of each and since I figured I would not get much sleep, I went back to the Police Station and gave them a better set of prints. (The first ones were made with wet negatives, and done hurriedly.) I was told they wanted the negativ-

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Keep An Eye On The Sky!

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es and was taken home by the Radio Patrol car to get them. We went to the main Police Headquarters, where the Police photographers checked the negatives and made a few prints for the newspapers. I was then taken back to the tower where I had left my car, and headed for home and a little sleep.

In the afternoon I went back to the tower, and was there when two men from our local newspaper came up with my prints which they checked with the New York skyline. They told me they were double-checking the prints and discovered that I had made the mistake of printing the negative backwards. I told them I had better copies at my home. Naturally they wanted the better ones, so we set out to get them. Once they saw them, they tried to talk me out of every one I had. When they left I was told I would be paid for the use of the prints, but never have been.

Back at the tower, one of the newspaper men phoned me and asked if I had a camera. I told him I did, and he said to take a few photos of New York and bring the film down to him, and the paper would develop and print them. This I did. When I tried to leave the newspaper office I was detained until the prints were made. While waiting, another newspaper called to see if a spare Flying Saucer print could be secured. The fellow answering the phone said, "no", and when I quite loudly stated I had one, and held it up, I never saw anyone move so fast to "shut me up." This newspaper had the only real good prints, and did not want any other paper to share their scoop or know that I, the photographer, was there. All the newspapers were trying to reach me but without success. The prints of New York were not so good, so they took a few pictures of me with the Leica, and about midnight, after retelling the whole story in details, having been informed not to talk to any other reporter, I was allowed to go home to bed.

The next day the story broke in the newspaper, and from then on for a few days the family lived in a nightmare--the phone never stopped ringing. Everyone was calling--Newspapers, Radio, Television, Newsreels, Magazines, etc.,--you name it, we had it.

About 48 hours after the negatives were taken from me, I asked for them. Inspector Foley returned them and I still have them now.

One evening about a week later while we, the tower crew, were filming a television newsreel, a call was received about 10:00 pm from the Filter Station stating that another disc was sighted, and to be on the lookout for it. A few of the cameramen dashed upstairs to the tower with movie cameras but could see nothing.

When the strain got too much for me I called a friend of my Sisters in Westwood, New Jersey. I wanted to spend a few days out there

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fishing and resting--just to get away from all the hectic times I had undergone. She told me my Sister had not yet returned from Florida.

While chatting with her, I learned that she had been driving with her sons toward River Edge, and they had seen a disc a few days before we had seen it here. It was early in the evening. Suddenly her oldest son told her to look up, and there she saw an orange ball, twice as large as a silver dollar and having a darker rim, moving towards New York. They saw it only about four seconds when the light suddenly blinked out. Although they looked hard and long, they did not see it again.

Later while speaking to a friend of mine, he mentioned another friend who had seen a disc about 9:30 pm on July 27, 1952. When I spoke with her she said she just happened to be looking up when she saw this large orange ball of light moving towards New York. I did not place much stock in it then, but later when another person, an Auxiliary Policeman, told me he had seen a large orange ball of light going overhead and it was as large as a silver dollar. This sighting also took place on the night of July 27, 1952 at about 9:30 pm. It set me thinking. These people do not know each other, although they live five blocks apart, and yet they each saw the same thing at the same time.

On July 31, 1952, my married Sister with whom I reside, told me she, my Brother-in-law and a friend were driving in the vicinity of Palisades Amusement Park, when she spotted an orange ball in the sky. Jokingly, she exclaimed, "Oh, look, a Flying Saucer." Was she surprised when it faded out about six seconds later in a cone shaped manner similar to fireworks displays. This happened about 8:45 pm. When she returned home about 11:30 pm, she called the New York Daily News to find out whether they had received any other reports. They confirmed her suspicions, stating they had four reports from different vicinities for the same time and all were sighted over the same area.

The following week I entered St. Marys Hospital, Hoboken, N.J., where I had to undergo an immediate operation because of a condition aggravated by staying up on the tower in the damp weather, and cold of all night sessions, plus not being able to take it easy following all the excitement. After my release six days later, I went away for a rest to my Sisters home in Westwood. I was told later that the Air Force was looking for me on two different occasions. I suppose they wanted to look at the negatives, but no member of the Air Force or anyone of any importance has sought me at any time since.

A few weeks later I received an Observer Questionnaire which I answered as best I could, and returned it to them. One question which I believe was answered wrong was about the changing color of the disc. At the conclusion of this article I shall describe the disc as I saw it.

The next report I received was in a letter from Mrs. Josephine

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Hetzel of Staten Island, stating she had read in her local paper, "The Advance", on October 6th, 1952, that three men had seen two Saucers at 7:10 pm the evening before.

The newest and latest event happened while I was at our Skywatch Post. Our log book records it as follows: "At approximately 20:00 hours on October 14, 1952, John Stemming, Irving Edersheim, and myself, saw a missile fly through the sky from the Northeast to the East, then to the West at a height of 1000 to 1500 feet. It travelled in a flat trajectory and almost passed over our post. It resembled a very bright ball, and for a better possible description, it resembled a tracer bullet but was many times larger. At the time that we saw this missile, a plane, which we believed to be a single motor military plane, was travelling Northeast and seemed to be about one quarter mile from the missile which we spotted. Same reported to the Filter Station. Signed Andrew J. Gisondi."

Although I was at the tower that Tuesday evening, I was not upstairs at the time I was informed of it. I noted that the time was about 7:39 pm not 20:00 (8:00 pm) as was written in the logbook. I told Andy to make a note of it so it could be written in the book, but he must have put down the time he wrote the item instead.

The next day the "Daily News" ran the following story:

"Blue Flame Still Mystery"

The Civil Aeronautics Administration yesterday still lacked an explanation of the "Blue Flame" that reportedly flashed over International Airport at high speed at 7:33 pm Tuesday. Katharine Barry, Assistant Astronomer at Hayden Planetarium, said it probably was "the fireball" of a tremendous meteor.

Several North Jersey communities reported seeing a "fiery white ball" passing overhead a few minutes after the phenomena was sighted from the airport.

On October 18, 1952, there was a sky quake over Glen Cove, Long Island that broke windows, split sidewalks, and knocked children off their feet. It could have been a jet plane breaking through the sound barrier, but all airfields reported their planes were accounted for. It could have been an experimental plane which was not listed. If you go back a few years, you will find that on February 13, 1948 in Stockton Kansas, there also was a sky quake which was never explained, but a disc was seen just before the explosion.

Now for my explanation as to what the disc looked like to me. It was clearly circular in shape, and was slightly smaller than a ten cent piece to the naked eye. Through my binoculars it approximated the size of a half dollar. Also it had depth--about the best way to describe it is to visualize two half dollars held together at arms length, turning them slightly to see the edge. The rim appeared to be as thick as the edge was wide. The whole disc was flat and resembled identically the two half dollars. It appeared to be anywhere from 50 to 100 feet in diameter. (A plane in the same area appears to us to be about the same size including wing-spread.)

When I first saw the disc, the rim (outside, top, and a small part of the inner surfaces of the rim) was a brownish color. The inner part of the disc was a bright orange color, with a dot in the exact center

of the same brownish color as the rim. It was like looking at a small moon with a rim around it, and just as bright. The whole object was glowing and flickering. Through the 9 x 35 binoculars, it could be clearly seen that the rim was spinning in a clockwise direction. As the disc moved, the outrim began to change color to a reddish brown, and the dot in the center changed color along with the rim, while the center became a lighter orange color. I noticed that while the rim was spinning there was less flickering. When the thing finally departed, the colors changed again somewhat--the rim and dot in the center became a glowing red, and the orange color in the center became still a paler orange. As it left, it turned so that the outer edge was facing us, and I could see the thickness of it very clearly. During the three to five minutes that the disc was visible, it was "standing on edge" in the sky. I only saw light on two sides--that is--on one side of the rim. I never saw the opposite side of the disc, for it never turned towards me.

While watching it, I had the odd feeling in the pit of my stomach that here was something everyone was searching the sky for and I had a box seat. I have seen quite a few planes as a spotter, but this machine certainly beats them all. It did not make a sound and looked powerful and deadly, if it chose to be, although it appeared to be just observing.

I do not believe the Air Force has a flying disc, and feel they are not revealing all they know for very good reasons. If the discs do not belong to any country on earth, then they must come from outer space, and if they do, can you visualize what would happen if Washington, D.C. suddenly announced we had visitors from outer space? In a few years we may learn the answer. The government may be conditioning us now for the big news later on, and then the shock might not be so great. Already there is talk about putting a space platform, seventeen hundred miles out in space as an orbit for a jump-off station to reach the moon. In time it may materialize, but right now the one thing prohibiting it is lack of funds for such a project. If we could accomplish this in a few short years, what is to keep another planet from doing the same thing?

London Policemen See Flying Saucers

The British Air-Ministry was deluged with calls on the night of November 25, 1955, from persons who claim they saw "luminous objects" streak through the sky over London, England. A number of policemen also were reported to have witnessed the appearance of the Flying Saucers in the vicinity of the Thames embankment. The Air-Ministry offered no comment regarding the alleged Saucer sightings.

Mystery Light Over Vinton Co., Ohio

A mysterious light which flew about the sky for an hour on December 6, 1955 was the object of much conjecture in the Vinton County area. The light was observed by spotters at the Dundas Ground Observer post who were manning the post in a defense drill.

The light was first reported at 6:15 am. A sawmill worker near

the Dundas post also saw the mystery light. The observer first heard a noise, then later observed the light which was West Southwest of the spotter post, moving in jerks up, down and horizontally, then stopping completely. He said it was impossible to estimate the altitude, speed or size of the flying object.

The radar post at Bellefontaine was alerted but was unable to pick up the object. The observer who viewed the phenomena said that in September his entire family observed a similiar flying light east of McArthur on Rt. 75

Saucer Suddenly Disappears!

A strange flying object which looked like a "big silver ball" was seen over Fort Leonard Wood, military installation on January 3rd., by a master sergeant and three trainees. The men said they sighted the object as they were walking to the Army Hospital. They said the object was, "moving slowly and appeared to be spinning."

The sergeant said at first he thought it was a helicopter, but "there were no blades." He said it looked more like a "big silver balloon." No weather balloons were know to be in the area. The men said the object disappeared "suddenly"--just like that. It just melted away. There was no sound or smoke.

Sky Quakes

A mysterious explosion was heard throughout the central Kentucky area on January 13th., causing many persons to question such a Friday the 13th happening. The blast seemed to center in the Millersburg and Paris areas, where windows rattled and buildings shook. Time of the blast was set at shortly before 10:00 am. Residents in the east and south sections of Lexington, Kentucky reported they heard a noise similar to a distant explosion. Some thought the sound came from underground. All agreed there was a blast or explosion.

"Why, it shook the couch I was sitting on," a Lexington resident said. A plumbing and heating firm received calls from two residents that hot water tanks in their homes had exploded. An investigation revealed that the tanks had not exploded. An official of the plumbing firm said he also heard the blast.

Police and fire departments throughout the area were flooded with calls as frantic residents phoned to ask what had happened. Paris Fire

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Chief reported that no cause for the blast had been found.

The same day the residents of Cincinnati, Ohio reported that an explosion shook homes in the vicinity where the Fernald Atomic Energy Plant and the Gulf Refinery are situated, near Cincinnati. Spokesmen for both the Fernald and Gulf plants, however, said nothing occurred at those places. One resident, who lives in the section north and west of Cincinnati, said her house "shook like in an earthquake."

Jet planes were not seen or heard in the Lexington, Kentucky area or the Cincinnati area at the time of the explosions.

Western Riverside County, California, fast becoming accustomed to sky quakes, had six of them in succession on January 11th., around 6:30 pm. March Air Force Base reported no activity of aircraft in the area nor any activity at the base that would give rise to reports of blasts. One resident said that the blasts followed one after the other about 6:30pm. He described them as a series of sharp reports followed by concussions and said they rattled windows. The California Division of Forestry in La Sierra reported feeling the shocks but said there were no calls and that no permits had been issued for blasting in the area.

Green Fireballs Over Oregon

Green fireballs were on the frolic in the Oregon sky on January 8th. One of the fireballs was seen as it flared green from north to south over Lane County. Residents in Klamath Falls and Lakeview saw the first fireball about 5 pm. It was described as a green ball travelling at terrific speed. That one vanished over the mountains west of Klamath Falls.

The second fireball was first seen as it sped south between Bend and Burns about 5:20 pm. What was believed to be the same fireball was reported in Eugene by a woman witness. The object was green when she first saw it, then turned to orange and red as it disappeared over the horizon. Two other witnesses driving from Bend to Burns saw a big fireball dropping into the southeast and apparently plunging toward Nevada. They were in the Hampton Butte area at the time and obtained a fine view of the object as it cruised through the winter night sky and left a trail to mark its passage.

The fireball was so brilliant in some localities that it virtually floodlighted the landscape, in the dusk of the January evening.

Reports of a double green fireball moving across Nogales, Arizona skies early in the evening of January 12 were also received at CFSI Headquarters. The giant fireball, termed by one observer, as like "two full moons crossing the sky and in a brilliant green" flashed from the southeast to northeast.

Two persons witnessing the object, said they observed the green fireball which they said "looked like 25 feet across and threw out flames." The fireball, the two witnesses said, travelled somewhat slower than a shooting star and appeared in their vision for about ten seconds."

Mystery Light Over Idaho

Lewiston, Idaho residents queried each other, the Lewiston Airport and the weather bureau about a large, bright light in the southwest sky on January 9th. Lewiston and Clarkston residents said the light was near the horizon and much larger and brighter than the ordinary star or planet. Some said its light was red-yellow; others said it was almost white. At Kamiah, one witness reported he saw the bright light in the southwest sky at 6:05. He said it was three times as large as a star and about that much brighter.

A similar light was also seen on January 8th by two witnesses, both of Kamiah, and the week before by another witness. Other reports of the mystery light have come from the Craigmont area.

Clifton, New Jersey Reports Flying Saucer

Flying Saucers were back in the news in Clifton. The latest sighting took place at about 4:00 am on January 21st in the Athena section of Clifton. Two employees of a local biscuit company were enjoying a coffee break when they noticed the Saucer through the window.

"A large blue ball of fire with a white flashing tail was their description of the object. They said they had only a brief but good look at it. The objects speed was estimated at 1,000 miles per hour.

Flying Soup Bowl Reported Over Paris

A flying soup bowl--it was much too large to be a mere Flying Saucer--reportedly was sighted on February 17th by a French airline pilot leaving Orly Airport outside Paris. At about the time the Air France pilot said he saw the mysterious object, radar screens at Orly picked up an object said to be twice the size of any known airplane. The supposed spacecraft would stand stock still for a time, then go tearing off at speeds estimated at one thousand five hundred miles per hour.

The Air France pilot, who was bound for London, said he noticed that blinking red lights were above him as he took off from Orly. He veered away to avoid hitting the object, he said, and then watched it shoot away. French officials were investigating the reports.

Signals From Mars?

There's hardly anything new under the sun. In Westerly, Rhode Island, Fiore Pignatoro bought a painting at a recent auction and found wedged into the frame a copy of the Providence Bulletin of January 1, 1897. It carried a piece saying earth men were in touch with Mars men through a kind of Morse Code.

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What The Newspapers Are Saying About The Saucers!

Saucers Successor

A new book on Flying Saucers reveals a couple of phases of the mystery--of which remarkably little has been heard lately--of more than passing interest. The first is that some Air Force officers were just as impressed as the public by the speeding lights and objects. The second is that a writer on the subject has turned out to be almost sedately conservative instead of darkly insinuating. The author, himself a former Air Force captain, and for two years chief of the Air Force project for investigation of Flying Saucer reports, said that while no one could explain sudden bursts of radiation at the times and in the areas of the sighting of unidentified objects in the sky, there was no proof that they were associated with Flying Saucers. His final conclusion is that there is no real proof that flying Saucers exist.

The gradual decrease of public interest in the alleged Flying Saucers, punctuated only by an occasional report, has not been explained, and might at first blush seem strange since the mystery surrounding them still exists. We have our own explanation for that. The advent of flying platforms, "garbage cans" and allied craft--fantastic in appearance but real and acknowledged--have pushed the flying Saucers so far out of the limelight that they haven't yet found their way back.

Toledo, Ohio Times, Editorial
 1/23/56

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